

1A GRAMMAR *have*: auxiliary or main verb?

a Circle the correct form. Tick (✓) if both are possible.

- 1 You should definitely see that film if you **hadn't seen** / **haven't seen** it already.
- 2 **I've been reading** / **I've read** the same book for months and I still haven't finished it.
- 3 I'm not going to her wedding because **I don't have** / **I haven't got** anything to wear.
- 4 **Don't you have** / **Haven't you** a smartphone? I thought everyone had one these days.
- 5 Don't give them a toaster as a present because they **already have** / **are already having** one.
- 6 Don't call me after seven because **I'll be having** / **I'll have** dinner.
- 7 Once the kids were older we **hadn't got to** / **didn't have to** drive them to school.
- 8 If you want to get rid of that stain, you'll have to **have the jacket dry-cleaned** / **have dry-cleaned the jacket**.
- 9 I need to leave work early this afternoon. **I've got to** / **I have to** go to the dentist's.
- 10 **I had got** / **I had** a lot of friends when I was at school.

b Read the dialogue below. Complete each gap with one word.

Doctor Good morning. So, why ¹ *have* you come to see me today?

Patient Well, I ² _____ been feeling very well recently.

D What symptoms have you ³ _____?

P I've ⁴ _____ a really bad headache for the last few days and my eyes hurt a lot. It's worse when I read or watch TV.

D Have you ⁵ _____ taking anything for the headache?

P I've been ⁶ _____ ibuprofen every four hours but it ⁷ _____ made any difference yet.

D OK. Can you ⁸ _____ a look at the eye chart and read this line for me?

P I'm ⁹ _____ trouble seeing that. It's all blurred!

D I think I ¹⁰ _____ found the problem! The first thing you have ¹¹ _____ do is go to the optician's and ¹² _____ your eyes tested. I think you need glasses!



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c Complete the following sentences about yourself.

- I'm really proud of the fact that I've...
- My worst characteristic is that I have a tendency to...
- One thing I often have to do which I'd rather avoid is...
- When I really want to have fun I...

1B GRAMMAR discourse markers (1): linkers

a Complete the texts with the discourse markers from the list.

although as as a result because of but consequently despite
however in case so so as not to so as to so that (x2) though



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I would say that the most challenging period in my career so far was my first junior management position in the company where I still work today. I had always wanted to be an Accounts manager,

¹ _____ so _____ I was thrilled

when I got the job, but little did I know what was waiting for me on my first day. The office environment wasn't exactly organized, and to make matters worse, my boss was completely unsupportive of me. For some reason, he just refused to take any responsibility for dealing with the clients, and I was ² _____ forced to deal with all the problems by myself, which wasn't easy. I used to stay late at the office almost every night ³ _____ miss any of the clients' deadlines. It seems ridiculous now, but I was so stressed that I used to check my emails every five minutes, even at weekends, ⁴ _____ there was an urgent message asking me to figure something out. It was worth it in the end, ⁵ _____, because eventually my boss was fired and I was promoted in his place!



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The toughest time I ever had was definitely my first term here at university.

⁶ _____ I really love student life now, it wasn't so easy in the beginning. My bad luck started on the very first day. My parents had just dropped me off with all my stuff when some of the guys whose rooms were on the same corridor as mine suggested going to play basketball in the park nearby. I don't know exactly how it happened, ⁷ _____ somehow, during the game, I tripped and fell really hard on my right arm and broke it. Apart from not being able to play any sports for weeks, it was especially annoying because my injury meant I wasn't able to write properly. ⁸ _____, I got really behind with my essays and I had to take an extra class later in the year ⁹ _____ I could catch up. On top of that, it wasn't as easy as I had expected to find friends, and I was pretty homesick for a while. ¹⁰ _____, things got better eventually. Once my arm was better, I managed to get into the university basketball team and made loads of new friends.

Most people can't wait until the day they retire, but I can tell you it's not as simple as you might think.

¹¹ _____ all the free time, retirement isn't just a question of enjoying yourself and feeling happy that you never have to work again. My husband Frank had terrible trouble adjusting to the new lifestyle when he retired after 40 rewarding years as a lawyer. ¹² _____ he had always been committed to his career, it wasn't easy just to give it up overnight. We decided to move to the countryside ¹³ _____ be nearer to our daughter and her family, but when we arrived, we found that they were all so busy with their own lives that they didn't have much time for us.

Of course, we did babysit for her sometimes

¹⁴ _____ she could go out in the evenings, but somehow it wasn't the life we had imagined. Just when we were feeling really down, a friend of ours invited us along to a ballroom dancing class in the village. Frank wasn't keen at first, as dancing isn't really his thing, but once we got there, we had a wonderful time. Now we go three times a week and it's changed our lives. We keep fit and we've met so many fantastic people. And it's all ¹⁵ _____ the dance class. I don't know what we would have done without it!



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b Write your own paragraph about a challenging experience you have faced. You could write about your work, studies, or family. Explain what the challenge was, and how you survived it. If you can't think of anything from your life, write about a friend or relative.

In your paragraph, make sure you use at least five of the discourse markers from the list.

1A COMMUNICATIVE Families

Student A

- a** Describe your photo to **B** in detail. Then listen to **B** describe his / her photo. Discuss in what ways the photos show how family life has changed over the past 50 years.



- b** Read the five statements and choose three you would like to talk about. Decide if you agree, disagree, or half-agree and think of reasons.

- 1 There should be at least one hour every evening when all members of the family turn off their electronic devices and talk to each other.
- 2 It's unfair for a baby to have parents under 18 or over 40.
- 3 Someone thinking of having a child should have a psychological test to make sure they are fit to be a parent.
- 4 An only child is a lonely child.
- 5 There is a lot of truth in the saying that 'Blood is thicker than water'.

- c** Read out your chosen statements to your partner one by one. Say what you think and ask if they agree with you.

Student B

- a** Listen to **A** describe his / her photo. Then describe your photo to **A** in detail. Discuss in what ways the photos show how family life has changed over the past 50 years.



- b** Read the five statements and choose three you would like to talk about. Decide if you agree, disagree, or half-agree and think of reasons.

- 1 Women with children under five should not go out to work.
- 2 Even if parents are unhappy, they should stay together because of their children.
- 3 Marriage should be a five-year renewable contract.
- 4 A person who decides not to have children should pay less tax than someone who has them.
- 5 There is a lot of truth in the saying that 'Children should be seen and not heard'.

- c** Read out your chosen statements to your partner one by one. Say what you think and ask if they agree with you.

1B COMMUNICATIVE Have I got the job?

a Role cards for interviewers

1 You are interviewing for a part-time **assistant librarian** position. It will be a short-term contract to cover maternity leave.

Profile of the ideal candidate:

- book lover
- prepared to work flexible hours
- previous experience not essential, but desirable
- able to work well alone
- organized

You have three minutes to speak to the interviewees. You have to decide who you would like to employ. At the end of the interviews, you'll be asked to explain who you chose, and **why**. Before you begin, think about and write down the questions you are going to ask.

2 You are interviewing for a **telemarketing position** for a well-known mobile phone company. It is a three-month, non-renewable contract. Basic salary with commission.

Profile of the ideal candidate:

- good interpersonal skills and telephone manner
- no experience necessary, but experience in sales or marketing a bonus
- determination and drive essential
- able to work well under pressure

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3 You are interviewing for a **toy shop supervisor** position. Three-month trial period leading to permanent, full-time contract. Job share possible.

Profile of the ideal candidate:

- proven team leader
- excellent organizational skills
- basic accounting knowledge
- some knowledge of what toys are popular at the moment would be appreciated

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4 You are interviewing for a **car park attendant** position. Full-time job that sometimes includes 24-hour shifts. Permanent contract.

Profile of the ideal candidate:

- would suit a solitary person who isn't easily bored
- numerate
- able to make on-the-spot decisions
- able to deal with difficult or aggressive customers
- physically fit

You have three minutes to speak to the interviewees. You have to decide who you would like to employ. At the end of the interviews, you'll be asked to explain who you chose, and **why**. Before you begin, think about and write down the questions you are going to ask.

5 You are interviewing for a job as a **bike messenger** for a company that uses bikes and motorcycles to deliver letters and packages. Six-month contract with possibility of extension. Some Saturdays.

Profile of the ideal candidate:

- able to ride motorbike (licence required) or bike in city centre
- reliable and trustworthy with confidential documents
- organized and punctual
- good knowledge of the city

You have three minutes to speak to the interviewees. You have to decide who you would like to employ. At the end of the interviews, you'll be asked to explain who you chose, and **why**. Before you begin, think about and write down the questions you are going to ask.

6 You are interviewing for the position of **care assistant at a retirement home**. Alternate morning / evening shifts. One weekend a month.

Profile of the ideal candidate:

- caring personality, with experience of working with older people
- first aid knowledge an advantage
- ability to make decisions on own
- must be a team player
- available to work overtime

You have three minutes to speak to the interviewees. You have to decide who you would like to employ. At the end of the interviews, you'll be asked to explain who you chose, and **why**. Before you begin, think about and write down the questions you are going to ask.

b Role card for candidates

You are out of work and desperate for any job (you really need the money). You are going to be interviewed for some of the following jobs:

- care assistant at a retirement home
- bike messenger
- car park attendant
- assistant librarian
- toy shop supervisor
- telemarketing position

The interviews will last three minutes each. You really want to sell yourself well at the interview! Think about the following questions you might be asked and make some notes. You can use real information about yourself, or invent some. Once you have decided on your answers, you can't change them.

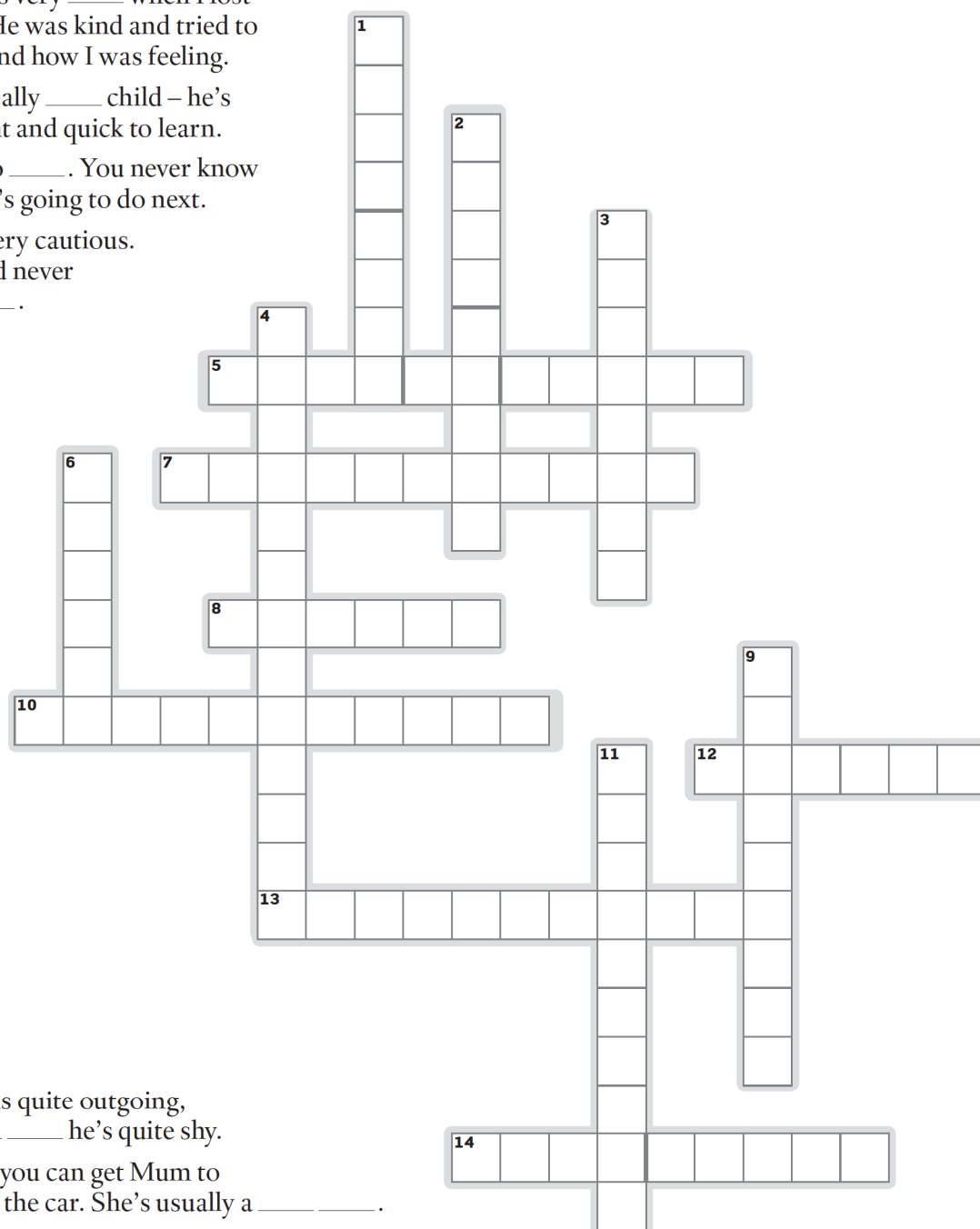
- What do you consider to be your main skills?
- What previous work experience do you have?
- How physically fit are you?
- What kind of work situation would you prefer (part-time / full-time / temporary / permanent)?
- Are you prepared to work overtime and at weekends?

1A VOCABULARY Personality

● Look at the clues and fill in the crossword.

Across →

- 5 Jim is very _____. He's so sensible and practical.
- 7 Ann's very _____. She's good at solving problems.
- 8 Be _____ with your sister! Treat her quietly and kindly.
- 10 Mark was very _____ when I lost my job. He was kind and tried to understand how I was feeling.
- 12 He is a really _____ child – he's intelligent and quick to learn.
- 13 Eliza's so _____. You never know what she's going to do next.
- 14 Mike's very cautious. He would never _____.



Down ↓

- 1 He seems quite outgoing, but _____ he's quite shy.
- 2 I'm sure you can get Mum to lend you the car. She's usually a _____.
- 3 My new PA is really _____. She does her work really carefully and with attention to detail.
- 4 Mark's so _____. He never forgets to do the homework, and he usually gets all the right answers!
- 6 Sarah's the friend I can most rely on. She's really _____ and sensible.
- 9 My English teacher at school was very _____. She always used to say 'What a brilliant answer!' when we had said something stupid.
- 11 I think Tom will go far. He's so _____ – nothing will stop him from doing what he wants.

1B VOCABULARY Work

● Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

- 1 Anna isn't at work for now because she's just had a baby.
Anna isn't at work for now because she is on maternity _____.

- 2 I'm not working right now because I'm ill.
I'm _____ work right now because I'm ill.

- 3 I decided to tell my boss I was leaving because I'd had a better offer from another company.
I decided to _____ from my job because I'd had a better offer from another company.

- 4 I didn't get the job because I hadn't worked in marketing before.
I didn't get the job because I didn't have any _____ in marketing.

- 5 After a few months I could go from being Assistant Sales Director to Sales Director.
I could _____ to Sales Director in a few months' time.

- 6 My contract's only from March to June.
I've only got a _____ contract.

- 7 I was only working three days a week, but I'm going to start working five days a week next month.
I'm going to start working _____-time next month.

- 8 The nurses who work at this hospital are fantastic.
The nursing _____ is fantastic at this hospital.

- 9 My sister's a journalist and she writes articles for lots of different newspapers.
My sister's a _____ journalist.

- 10 I don't enjoy my job very much, but I get on well with the people that I work with.
I don't enjoy my job very much, but I get on well with my _____.

- 11 He's got a degree and a PhD.
He has good _____.

- 12 I lost my job last year since the company I was working for wasn't making a profit.
I was _____ last year.

- 13 He worked successfully for many years both as a teacher and a teacher trainer.
He had a very successful _____ in education.

- 14 Apart from my salary, I also get a company car and free lunches, which is brilliant!
The _____ are brilliant in this job. I get a company car and free lunches.

- 15 He works on a car production line and does exactly the same thing every day.
His job on a car production line is very _____.

- 16 My sister's been unemployed for well over a year.
My sister has been _____ for over a year.

- 17 Adrian doesn't make any money for the charity work he does.
The charity work that Adrian does is _____.

- 18 My job is very high pressure and stressful.
I have a very _____ job.



1B SONG We Work the Black Seam 1 18))) MP3

- a Read the song lyrics. Can you guess the missing words?
They all rhyme with the **bold** word at the end of the previous line.

We Work the Black Seam



This place has changed for **good**
Your economic theory said it ¹ *would* _____
It's hard for us to understand
We can't give up our jobs the way we should
Our blood has **stained** the **coal**
We tunnelled deep inside the nation's ² _____
We matter more than pounds and **pence**
Your economic theory makes no ³ _____

Chorus

One day in a nuclear **age**
They may understand our ⁴ _____
They build machines that they can't **control**
And **bury** the waste in a great big ⁵ _____
Power was to become cheap and **clean**
Grimy faces were never ⁶ _____
But **deadly** for twelve thousand years is carbon
fourteen
We work the black seam together
We work the black seam together

The **seam** lies **underground**
Three million years of pressure packed it ⁷ _____
We walk through ancient forest **lands**
And light a thousand cities with our ⁸ _____
Your dark satanic **mills**
Have made redundant all our mining ⁹ _____
You can't exchange a six-inch band
For all the poisoned streams in Cumberland

Chorus

And should the children **weep**
The turning world will sing their souls to ¹⁰ _____
When you have sunk without a **trace**
The universe will **suck** me into ¹¹ _____

Chorus

- b Look at the **highlighted** words a–h in the song.
Match them to the definitions 1–8.

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| a stain | 1 covered with dirt |
| b bury | 2 cry, usually because you are sad |
| c grimy | 3 hide sth in the ground |
| d deadly | 4 thin layer of coal between layers of rock underground |
| e a seam | 5 leave a mark that is difficult to remove |
| f mill | 6 causing or likely to cause death |
| g weep | 7 pull sb / sth with great force in a particular direction |
| h suck | 8 a factory that produces a particular type of material |

SONG FACTS

We Work the Black Seam features on Sting's 1985 album *The Dream of the Blue Turtles* which reached number 3 in the UK album charts. Sting wrote this song at the time of the 1984 miners' strike. It's about his sympathy for the miners facing the demise of the coal mining industry and his concern about a nuclear-powered future.